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Amendment Dated 10/5/2005

Reply to Office Action of 12 July 2005 (three month response period.)

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents comprising:

a base unit;

a plain old telephone service "POTS" telephone handset connected to said base unit;

a telephone keypad connected to said base unit;

telephone circuitry operable to establish two way telephone service to enable voice communication over a twisted pair of POTS wiring;

telephone circuitry within said base unit operable to establish two way wireless telephone service to enable voice communication; ~~and~~

control electronics connected to said base unit for selectively switching between said POTS service and said wireless telephone service[.]; and

digital recording and voice recognition circuitry connected to said control electronics operable to activate said emergency communication system from a location remote from said base unit

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Claim 2 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a speaker telephone connected to said base; and

circuitry within said control electronics to activate said speaker telephone system.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 2 wherein:

said activation circuitry includes circuitry to activate said speaker telephone system by voice commands.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a distress button connected to said base unit and being operable to connect to an emergency service via a wireless telephone service upon depressing the distress button.

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Claim 6 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a level sensor circuit connected to said base unit operable to detect a condition of the base unit being disposed in a non-horizontal condition; and

circuitry operable to contact an emergency service in the event the base unit is in a non-horizontal condition.

Claim 7 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

circuitry operable to detect a dead line condition of said handset; and

circuitry to initiate a telephone call to an emergency service to alert the service of the dead line condition.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 7 and further comprising:

circuitry to wireless voice communication with a resident by an emergency service in the event an off-hook condition is detected.

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Claim 9 (original): A method for establishing emergency communication for high risk residents comprising the steps of:

providing a plain old telephone service ("POTS") into a residence;

providing a wireless telephone service into the residence associated with said POTS service; and

in the event of a dead line condition of said POTS service establishing a wireless telephone signal to an emergency service alerting the emergency service of the dead line condition of the POTS service.

Claim 10 (original): A method for establishing emergency communication for high risk residents comprising the steps of:

providing a plain old telephone service ("POTS") into a residence with a base unit;

providing a wireless telephone service into the residence associated with said POTS service and through said base unit;

detecting the level condition of said base unit; and

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in the event that the base unit is determined to be not level contacting an
emergency service via said wireless telephone service.